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DATE : July 30, 1979
TO : C. T. Rockey
FROM : *[Signature]* J. P. Recchi
SUBJECT: PCB Regulations - Small Transformers

Attached is a letter dated July 16, 1979 from Mr. Arnold Kessler, sales engineer for Westinghouse Electric Corporation, advising us that there may have been some contamination of commercial subway-type transformers ordered and received from Westinghouse. The City of Seattle placed an order on April 21, 1976 for 10 subway transformers. Those transformers were ordered as mineral-oil-filled apparatus.

You will note in the attached letter that there was apparently some contamination of mineral oils used to fill transformers as a result of common carrier facilities being previously used for transporting PCB's. If in fact there is some contamination, Mr. Kessler points out that this does not create electrical operating problems. As you will also note in Mr. Kessler's letter, there are several categories of transformer classes established, based on ratios of PCB density.

According to the attached letter, recent-(May 31, 1979)-rules were published in the Federal Register, clarifying and setting forth final rules and regulations related to the "disposal and marking rule" for transformers.

I would appreciate it, if Engineering would assume the lead responsibility and work closely with other related divisions in doing the following:

1. Identify by location the placement of the 10 transformers involved.
2. Schedule oil sample tests for each of the 10 transformers.
3. Engage the services of an accredited test laboratory to determine the PCB content for each transformer, if any.
4. Coordinate with Office of Environmental Affairs for a review of applicable options under the rules, as published in the Federal Register of May 31, 1979.
5. Provide City Light Department findings and recommendations by September 14, 1979 to me.

Thanks.

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Attachment: 7/16/79 Letter from
Mr. Arnold Kessler - *Copy recd.*

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